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**METHOD** 

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 25, 2009, Applicant elects the invention of Group II, claims 23-31, drawn to a pharmaceutical dispensing apparatus, classified in class 422, subclass 63+.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has required restriction between product and process claims, and that the withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of allowed process claims will be eligible for rejoinder.

Further, Applicant assumes for purposes of this response that the Examiner has made a complete requirement for restriction in accordance with MPEP §§ 815 and 817. If the Examiner has not made a complete requirement, then Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this restriction requirement and provide a complete restriction requirement so that Applicant can properly assess the Examiner's assertions. Further and favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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